

[Translation]

Foreign Tourists

743. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN :

SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

SHRI KASHIRAM RANA :

SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA :

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists came to India during the last three years, year-wise and the names of the countries to which they belong;

(b) whether the position of India in regard to foreign tourists has been deteriorating day by day since 1984;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any scheme is under consideration of the Government to attract more foreign tourists to visit India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have fixed any target to attract more foreign tourists during the current year and next five years; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) :

(a) The number of foreign tourists who visited India during 1994, 1995 and 1996 were as follows:

| Year | Number of Foreign Tourists |
|------|----------------------------|
| 1994 | 1886433 |
| 1995 | 2123683 |
| 1996 | 2287860 |

The countries from where a large number of tourists come to India are U.K, Bangladesh, U.S.A, Sri Lanka, Germany, Japan, France, Canada, Malaysia, Italy, Australia, Singapore and Nepal.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The percentage share of India in the World tourist traffic increased from 0.38 in 1984 to

0.39 in 1996. The figures of foreign tourist arrivals since 1984 are as follows:—

| Year | Foreign Tourists Arrivals | Year | Foreign Tourist Arrivals |
|------|---------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| 1984 | 1193752 | 1991 | 1677508 |
| 1985 | 1259384 | 1992 | 1867651 |
| 1986 | 1451076 | 1993 | 1764830 |
| 1987 | 1484290 | 1994 | 1886433 |
| 1988 | 1590661 | 1995 | 2123683 |
| 1989 | 1736093 | 1996 | 2287860 |
| 1990 | 1707158 | | |

(d) and (e) The development of tourism is a continuous process and a number of schemes involving improvement of infrastructural facilities, Publicity and promotion and development of human resources have been taken up.

(f) and (g) A growth of 8% per annum in tourist arrivals is anticipated during the current year. Efforts have been made to increase the growth rate in the coming years but no target has been fixed.

[English]

Supply of Sub-standard Milk to Troops

744. SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH :

DR. M. JAGANNATH :

SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY :

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received reports of sub-standard milk being supplied to defence forces;

(b) whether charges have been made that inferior quality of fodder is being fed to the military live-stock as a result of which 15% of their live-stock is suffering from Tuberculosis;

(c) if so, whether any enquiry has been made into these and similar other charges in regard to supply of milk to the defence forces; and

(d) the steps taken against the responsible persons in this regard?